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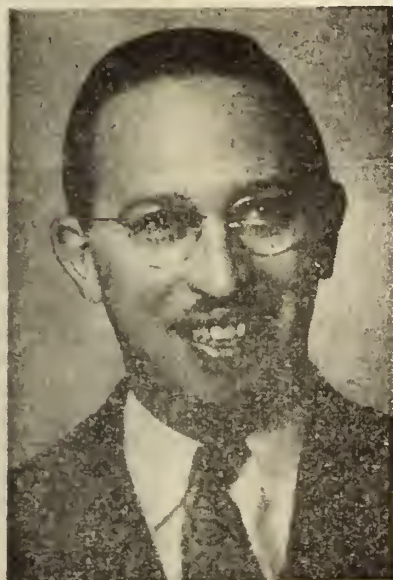
THE OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Gordon Caplan Heads Joint Distribution Committee



G. CAPLAN

At a meeting of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir held on March 1, Mr. Gordon Caplan was unanimously elected Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee campaign for 1945. In presenting the name to the Council, the President Mr. Thos. Sachs mentioned that Mr. Caplan is continuing the great tradition of community service associated with the name of his late father, C. Caplan, of blessed memory.

The entire executive committee for the campaign includes the following:

Hon. Chairman: Messrs. J. Freedman, J. H. Vincberg.

Hon. Vice-Chairman: Rabbi O. Z. Fashman and Messrs. Moses Loeb, Simon J. Ritt, Alex. Betcherman, Harold Coplan.

Chairman: Gordon Caplan.

Vice-Chairman: Messrs. Lawrence Freiman, Morris Zagerman, S. Zelikovitz, Harold Shenkman.

Treasurer: Abraham Shaffer.

Secretary: Harold N. Pearl.

Captains of Captains: Messrs. Isidore Stone, Sam. Lepofsky, Laz. Greenberg, Morris Goldberg.

Voice from Holland

A letter dated Feb. 19th, just reached the Rabbi. It is an eloquent piece of writing from Holland by Sgt. Ralph Fonberg:

"Since landing on the continent, my eyes have been opened to the facts I once regarded as fiction. I will never regret the experiences I have been through, no matter what the price, now that I can say a people with a swastika on one arm and a pistol in the other have finally met their master... Now I can say anything I had previously read or heard about the treatment of our people was a gross understatement. I have seen German murder factories, actually factories in which to disperse of thousands of innocent people. I have seen what they have done to our synagogues and holy places, and am determined to do all I can to assure myself that this will never happen again. If I should stop for a moment and describe to you some of the things I have seen, you would probably regret having heard them. They are things clearly imprinted on my memory as a reminder to help vanquish all those responsible... things that I want to help remove...

"I am quite well myself, and thanks to the Hebrew Benefit Society, Bnai Brith, and Mother and Dad, I am getting plenty of smokes and good things to eat. I certainly miss the old town though... Let's hope my next letter to you, will come from Berlin". (The Rabbi: Amen!)

Overseas Honour Roll

Since the last issue of the Bulletin, the following men have arrived overseas on active service:

Grafman, LAC N.

Litwack, Cpl. I.

Roodman, Sgt. H.

Sherman, Pte. H.

Shore, S/Sgt. M.

Victor, Cpl. S.

If you know of any others, please get in touch with the Overseas Mailing Chairman, Mr. D. Mirsky, at 3-0676.

Report from Overseas J. D. C. Worker



M. KESSLER

Mr. Mordecai Kessler, an experienced representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, will be the guest speaker at the annual J. D. C. Dinner, to be held in the Talmud Torah Sunday night, March 18th, 6.30 p.m. Mr. Kessler was stationed in the past two years in the J. D. C. offices at Lisbon, Casablanca, Tunis, Algiers, Tangiers, Istanbul and Palestine. His task was to deal with the maintenance and care of refugees waiting in North Africa for transportation to new homes; with the support of local Jewish populations that were in need; and with the rehabilitation of Jewish cultural institutions in the Holy Land and in the Middle East.

Before joining the J. D. C. staff, he was the Assistant Director of the Educational Alliance in New York City, the largest and oldest Jewish Community Center in the United States. He has a distinguished record to his credit in the field of youth work and general Jewish club activities and for many years he has been a prominent figure in the program of Jewish Centers.

The chairman of the campaign, Mr. Gordon Caplan, urges those who are interested to make their reservation with the committee at once by getting in touch with S. Spevak or H. Pearl.

J.D.C. DINNER, TALMUD TORAH, MARCH 18th at 6.30 P.M.

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Wartime Prices and Trade Board Exemption Certificate
No. 66, dated Feb. 9, 1943.

IS JEWISH LIFE CHEAP?

People say that during a war human lives are very cheap. They are squandered on the field of battle, in the air, on and under the seas. The truth is, however, that the purposes of a sacrifice determine its worth. No life is thrown away that assists the race in its progress upwards. It is a very precious life that is spent for the sake of preserving human liberties. The sad story of Jewish martyrdom in Europe since the advent of Hitler includes the additional sorrow that millions were destroyed without any benefit whatsoever occurring to civilization. If we could say that the catastrophe of European Jewry was instrumental in teaching mankind a better way of life, we might console ourselves with the thought that Hebrew destiny has ever taken us in that direction; but who can say it? The annihilation of five million men and women deprived Israel of vast intellectual and moral resources without winning for the nations in the world any compensation. Well may we mourn the tragedy that Jewish life has become so cheap.

Are we prepared to raise the level of its value to the extent given us? We can prove to ourselves that in the eyes to the Jewish people, at any rate, a Jewish life is deeply treasured, that its worth is high above rubies. When we make our contributions to the Joint Distribution Committee in sweeping generosity and in amounts that really hurt us, we are declaring in accents unmistakable that price is no object when Jewish lives are at stake. The one ray of sunshine that breaks through the shadows is the fact that the J. D. C., when supplied with adequate finances, can salvage thousands of these people from the torrent of destruction that has come over them.

It is to hoped that the strength of this cause will not make for its weakness. Since there can be no division of opinion about the importance of rescuing lives, there might not develop the same kind of heated enthusiasm that characterizes campaigns in which party issues can be injected. A man who will strain himself to the utmost to donate towards an idea that has been challenged by others in order to establish that he is right in his loyalty to it, should not under-estimate the grave importance of J. D. C. work, merely because nobody takes the platform against it. Let everybody realize that an object which commands universal assent deserves universal support. This year the J. D. C. is appealing to the most fortunate Jews in the world to double the sums that were gathered in 1944, so that the only proper conclusion is for the givers to raise their contributions. May it never be said that in 1945 the Jews of America and Canada, through their lukewarm response to the J. D. C. appeal, indicated their conviction that Jewish life is indeed cheap.

TOWARDS JEWISH FREEDOM

With heavy hearts Jews go to greet the coming Passover. For many years, to be sure, our hearts have been heavy. The cruel fate that has destroyed one-third of our people within five years, the disappearance of organized Jewish life in the lands where it once was tremendously creative, the spread of anti-semitism even into democratic lands, the disappointment over the constant obstacles put in the path of rebuilding Zion—all of these have contributed to the despair of a distressed and broken Israel. As this editorial is being written, however, new doubts and fears have crept into the ranks of our people. In some quarters, indeed, pessimism races along unchecked and gloom has become the only note that is heard. What are the recent developments that are responsible for such an attitude?

In the first place, there had been high hopes about the results of the Yalta meeting. Patiently the news was expected of decisions that would be favourable to our cause, and that would go far in solving our acute problem. In their own good time, we thought, the world leaders would announce policies that would restore our fallen spirit. Then came the disheartening moment when Prime Minister Churchill informed the British Parliament that the question of a Jewish Palestine would have to wait for the end of the war. There followed the bewildering casual remark before Congress by President Roosevelt, where he included the Jewish problem among the things that were greatly clarified during a few minutes of conversation with Emperor Ibn Saud. The fearful among our people watched these events with consternation and anger. Even the optimists were confused.

Then there came the surprising information that nations like Egypt and Saudi Arabia had declared war on Germany and could now be considered as partners in the affairs of the United Nations. What bitterness for us to learn that those who had remained neutral all through the period when the British Empire was in grave danger, those who actually celebrated the advance of Marshall Rommel's forces in banquet halls and drinking parties, those who at the present point of the struggle would not be required to make any sacrifices of consequence, were assured of a place at the coming Peace Table, while the Jews of Palestine, who had made vital and, in some instances, the decisive contributions to the rescue of the entire Near East from the grasping hand of the foe, were still not recognized as co-workers in the battle for human rights. The agony is the greater, when we consider that these new members of the United Nations have as their major political objective the prevention of establishing Eretz Israel as a Jewish state.

This is the Maror that is to grace the Seder table of our people at the great holiday of liberation. The closer we come to the day of victory, the further we seem from realizing freedom for our own small people. But the gnashing of teeth and the shedding of tears, the cries of betrayal and the hurling of expletives will not help us to advance a single inch.

The road to freedom lies within. No decisions can be so fatal as the loss of faith. No statesman can do us more harm than we ourselves. Let us climb out from beneath the debris of our frustrations to the invigorating air of concerted action, thereby translating the myth of our liberty into reality. To work for freedom is loftier than any of the famous Four in the Atlantic Charter.

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PASSOVER

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Passover Hospitality

(From Wednesday evening, March 28th until Thursday night, April 5th.)

Sale of Chometz until Wednesday, March 28th, 10.00 a.m. at the Rabbi's office in the Talmud Torah (4-7086) or at his home, 353 Stewart St.

Shabbos Hagodol Drashah by the Rabbi, Cong. Agudath Achim, Saturday, March 24th, 5.00 p.m.

Bdikath Chometz (search for Chometz) Tuesday night, March 27th.

Siyum B'chorin (for first-born males) Wednesday, March 28th, 7.30 a.m. The Rabbi will conclude the tractate Kethuboth at Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Ave.

Conclude eating Chometz by Wednesday, March 28th at 9.30 a.m.

Biur Chometz (burning of Chometz) Wednesday, March 28th until 10.30 a.m.

Candles. See schedule.

Services. See schedule of Synagogues.

Yizkor (Memorial Services) at all Ottawa synagogues, Thursday, April 5th, about 10.00 a.m.

PASSOVER WINE

The Vaad Ha'ir has received the assurance of the Ontario Liquor Commission that Passover wine will be available this year in the liquor shop on Rideau Street, and possibly also on Queen St.

DON'T FORGET ERUV TAVSHILIN

Because this year Passover occurs on Thursday and Friday, it is necessary to to prepare an Erev Tavshilin on Wednesday afternoon. The theory is that we show our respect for the holiday by not leaving all preparations for the Sabbath for the Holiday period. In other words, we prepare something for the Sabbath meal on Wednesday afternoon to consist of at least one baked and cooked item of food, which are reserved for the Sabbath meal (generally, for Shalosh Seudoth). The prayer to be recited for this ceremony is found in most Machzorim, and even in many Hagadoth.

MISHNAYES OFFICERS

On February 4th, 1945, at the Annual Banquet held by the Chevra Mishnayes Congregation Machzikei Hadath, Murray Street, the following officers were re-elected by acclamation.

Hon. Gaba. M. Lachovitz
Gaba Rishon. J. Saslove
Gaba Sheni. H. Woodrow
Treasurer. I. Nadler
Secretary L. Gunner

WATCH YOUR LABELS

The guarantee that a food product is kosher for Passover is no stronger than the reliability of the Rabbi or Rabbis who endorse it. Passover foods that are made in Canada should bear a label that states the name of the rabbinical authority behind them. An ordinary label "Kosher for Passover" does not establish the permissibility of the article. There is nothing to prevent a person from printing labels "Kosher for Passover" and pasting them onto anything that comes to hand, including a loaf of bread. The reliable label most frequently used in this part of Canada bears the stamp of the Community Council and Rabbinical Council of Montreal.

ON THE MATZO FRONT

This year there will be enough matzo in Ottawa to enable the regular stores to supply their usual customers and new customers in the city as well. It is conceivable that the customer will not be able to get a complete stock of his favourite company, but there will be enough good matzoth; especially since throughout the year there is plenty of non-Passover Matzoth, customers need not buy more than their immediate Passover needs. The Rabbi is very pleased that the Vaad Ha'ir office will not be used this year for the distribution of matzo products.

This year for technical reasons the Jewish Service Center will be unable to serve Passover meals. For this reason the committee stands ready to assist servicemen in receiving home hospitality, not only for the Sedarim, but also for the entire week. There are many homes that will be happy to welcome the servicemen gratis, while for those boys who would prefer to pay for their meals, there will be private homes with which the arrangements can be made. Service personnel are urged to register their names at the Center for the Passover holiday hospitality.

Civil servants from out of town and others who have no family in Ottawa may make arrangements for their Passover meals by getting in touch with Miss Helen Abelson (4-3264). Families who will welcome such guests should leave their names with Miss Helen Abelson, indicating whether they would want guests with or without pay.

SHABBOS AND YOM TOV CANDLES

March 16.....	6.49 p.m.
March 23.....	6.58 p.m.
" 28.	7.05 p.m.
" 29.	7.45 p.m. (or after)
" 30.	7.08 p.m.
April 3.	7.13 p.m.
" 4.....	7.55 p.m. (or after)
" 6	7.17 p.m.
" 13	7.26 p.m.
" 20	7.35 p.m.

BREAD AFTER PASSOVER

Because bread baked during Passover may not be eaten even after the Holiday is over, there will be no bread in the Jewish bakery shops on Thursday night, April 5, and the shops will appreciate your patience in not calling there until Friday morning, April 6 when the first new loaves will be ready after the night's work.

WEDDING DATES

Beginning with Passover weddings may not be celebrated except on the dates here listed: Thursday night, April 12; Friday, April 13; Monday night, April 30; Tuesday May 1; Saturday night, May 12 and thereafter.

CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN

King Edward Ave.

Wednesday, March 28th, at 7.30 a.m.
Services for first-born males.

Passover Services

Mincha Wednesday March 28th at 7.00 p.m. followed by Maariv. Thursday and Friday, March 29-30th, Shachrith begins 8.30 a.m. Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will occupy the pulpit on Thursday, March 29th. Sermon topic: "Except the Jews".

Tuesday, April 3rd, Mincha at 7.15 p.m. followed by Maariv. Wednesday and Thursday, April 4-5th, Shachrith begins at 8.30 a.m. Yiskor about 10.00 a.m. Thursday April 5th.

Cantor J. Rabin will officiate. Active servicemen and women are cordially welcome. We wish our members, their families and friends a happy Yomtov.

Repair Depot

The hidden reward in the exceptionally fine work being done by the Group of Jewish Women, headed by Mrs. M. Roberts, in arranging teas for cigarettes to go to men on active service overseas, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is the following episode: A Jewish officer in the RCAF who was stationed in Ottawa some two years ago once lost his temper and said that, after he leaves Ottawa, he hopes he will never have to return to it again. Among the letters of appreciation that this Group received from overseas was one sent by the same officer, this time mentioning that he hopes he will be able to visit Ottawa soon and thank the ladies in person. (Incidentally, at the last Tea of this Group, Cpl. Howard Karpinsky demonstrated the beauty of the singing voice that early in the war prevented a panic in a London club endangered by a falling bomb.)

Mrs. B. Sanders Heads Jewish Service Center

Mrs. Bernard Sanders has been elected chairman of the Jewish Service Center, following the resignation of Mrs. A. H. Lief due to a prolonged illness. At the same time the committee in charge has voted to appoint a full-time worker to carry the management of the constantly growing activities at the Center. Mrs. Albert Logette now occupies this important post, and according to the uniformed visitors she is doing an outstanding job.

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM

Rideau Street

Wednesday, March 28th, at 7.30 a.m.
Services for first-born males.

Passover Services

Wednesday, March 28th, Mincha at 7.00 p.m. followed by Maariv.

Thursday and Friday, March 29-30th, service begins at 8.30 a.m.

Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will occupy the pulpit Friday March 30th, about 10.30 a.m. Sermon topic: "The Future of Canadian Jewry."

Tuesday, April 3rd, Mincha at 7.15 p.m. followed by Maariv.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 4-5th, services begin at 8.30 a.m.

Yiskor, Thursday April 5th about 10.00 a.m.

Cantor A. Weiss will officiate. We invite our members and friends, especially those in uniform, to join us in worship.

OTTAWA IN MIZRACHI LEADERSHIP

The Fourth Annual Mizrachi Convention in Canada proved that Ottawa is still a major stronghold of the national movement. Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman was returned to office as a member of the Praesidium, and Mrs. R. Bessin was re-elected National President of the Women's Mizrachi Organization. Mr. Leon Petegorsky was again named National Honorary Vice-President of the organization.

The Convention marked three new projects in the program of the Canadian Mizrachi movement. A Religious Department of the Jewish National Fund was officially launched with the approval of the J. N. F. authorities in the Dominion, the funds of which are earmarked for the use of religious pioneers in the Holy Land. A national Religious Education Council was set up to help coordinate the curricula of Hebrew schools and to strengthen the work of Jewish education throughout the land. Finally, the purchase of the magnificent Osler estate near Hamilton as an Agricultural Hachsharah School and a religious summer camp was enthusiastically approved.

CONGREGATION MACHZIKEI HADATH

Murray Street

Our Shachrith services begin on the first and last two days of Passover at 8.30 a.m.

Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will deliver a sermon Wednesday April 4th about 10.30 a.m. Topic: "Beyond Charity".

We invite our members to attend all the holiday services. Please bring along with you the men and women in uniform whom we shall be happy to welcome.

CONGREGATION BNAI JACOB

James Street

On both the first and last two days of Pesach our morning services will begin at 9.00 a.m. Rev. S. Schreiber will officiate.

Before Yiskor on Thursday, April 5th, Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will speak on the topic, "Is the Family Through?"

May our holiday of freedom bring the victory of freedom nearer.

CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL

Fairmont Avenue

Mr. S. Shapiro will officiate at our Passover services, which will begin at 9.00 a.m. both the first and the last two days. Yizkor will be recited on Thursday, April 5th about 10.30 a.m.

Jewish residents in the West End of Ottawa are reminded that our synagogue is conveniently located for them. New-comers to the city and Active Service personnel are always welcome.

A THOUGHT FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

At its annual meeting held early in February the Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association unanimously passed a motion introduced by Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman that any ex-serviceman who applies for a loan shall be given extra consideration in the terms of repayment. While the maximum term for repayment of a loan has been fixed at five months for borrowers, ex-servicemen will be allowed ten months in which to pay back in small weekly instalments. It was the feeling of the meeting that a number of the returning men will, no doubt, seek loans in order to get started in little business projects of their own, and that every thought must be taken for their needs by the Association.

From Our Boys Overseas

Sgt. Joe Wolfe writes from Italy: "The first thing that I would like to say is what a grand job Rabbi Rose is doing over here and I do really mean that; know quite a few chaps from different regiments that have had visits from him, and he has driven as far as 50 miles to go and see one man and let me tell you in this country and over these roads that is just as bad as driving to Montreal, so one thing that you can tell the folks back in Ottawa is just what kind of grand work he is doing over here.

"The folks think that as soon as the war is over we will all come back and settle down just as if nothing had happened in the past years, but young men have become old and lots of us have really felt the whole thing, we have seen things that one wouldn't believe could happen in this day and age and it has its effect on one's body and mind."

Lieut. Peter Lunzer writes from Belgium: "With all my travelling I have finally arrived in Belgium. I was in Antwerp for a few days and the night I arrived the only Schul left standing was severely damaged by a nearby bomb. There are very few Jews left in Antwerp and they are very badly off for clothes, food and above all, for a livelihood.

"The other day I was driving in a jeep when it suddenly stopped and I had to have it towed to a Canadian garage to get it fixed. Found myself on very firm ground when it turned out that the C.O. was a Capt. Goodman and a nephew of Mr. Vineberg of Ottawa. Hope Ottawa will not take offence, but I am passing myself off as a "local boy". I consider it an honour.

Sgt. Jack Cornblatt writes from Belgium: "Though the Jewish communities both in Antwerp and in Brussels have suffered terribly during the occupation, they are working hard to re-build a "Yiddishe Leben",—by that I mean Jewish schools are being reopened. It is an encouraging factor, don't you think, Rabbi Fasman, that even in the midst of their own personal troubles (for very few families escaped trouble during the occupation) the first "job" they considered was to see it that the Jewish life that had become dormant was to be re-established as soon as possible."

Pvt. Jack Wolfe writes from Italy: "Rabbi, how are chances to get some good books and magazines sent out here. I am sure they will be very much appreciated. Those that we do receive are passed around so much that they are soon worn out."

Lt. Elliott Gluck writes from Belgium: "I would like to tell you just how much

I (and I am sure all the Ottawa boys will subscribe to this) appreciate the good work the benevolent organizations are doing for the soldiers overseas. But I would like to make a suggestion which, if it could be worked out, would be of immense interest to us all:

"Would it be possible to get out a small monthly bulletin about goings-on in the Jewish community? Marriages, engagements, personal notices, and so on—it is something I have often thought of at some length, and I think it would be a very welcome item for all of our boys away from home. Especially if you could find out the Army addresses of the Ottawa boys, so that we can look each other up.

"I was very pleased to receive in booklet form your eulogy on A. J. Freiman. I have read it through several times and feel sincerely that it has a message for more than just the Jewish population..."

"Well, Rabbi, I shall close for now with kindest regards to the Sunday School, the Jewish community, yourself and your family, and I would like to hear from you when you can."

Lieut.-Col. Mervin Mirsky writes from Holland: "Well, when the Germans came, they immediately started rounding up all the Jews for deportation to concentration camps. In many cases the Gestapo arrived at a home while the children were away at school, or while an infant was in a crib, and simply marched off the parents. As far as the parents were concerned, in practically every case, no one ever saw or heard of them again. Many infants were found dead in the cribs by friendly neighbours subsequently investigating the empty houses. Some of Sister Pop's children are infants such as these who were found alive and secretly brought over to her home. Some of the children were brought to her by their parents who knew they were about to be arrested.

"Now—here is something that will amaze you. It is the truth because I have heard it from responsible people in Belgium as well as from Sister Pop. By law all the undetected Jewish children had to be handed over to the Germans who killed them either in gas chambers or by injections of poison. This is unbelievable but true. And I have seen the gas chambers and the cremation ovens so I can partially verify this statement.

"Well, Sister Pop took these children in. If she had been caught by the Germans it would have been the concentration camp for her and death for the children. She received a lot of help from the Dutch underground, and from those of the children's relatives who had gone underground. But she couldn't get food or clothing ration coupons for them, she

Ottawa Jews Make News

A thrill went through the community when the voice of David Petegorsky, reporting the International Labour Conference, came across the airwaves from Great Britain. Meanwhile, Canadian Affairs, a WIB publication, circulated his "Where Does Labour Come In?"... The secretary of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, Joseph Ages, is now accepting congratulations upon earning his degree as a Chartered Accountant... Dr. Nathan Schechter recently won high honour in his profession when he was appointed Head of the Medical Department of Veterans' Affairs... Carl Goldenberg's young bride is the granddaughter of the grand old Rabbi of Canada Hirsch Cohen of Montreal... Marvin Schreiber won the Young Judaea Oratorical Contest and will represent Ottawa in the national finals... Herman Roodman, former B. B. secretary and Breakfast Club Director, who was an instructor in the Canadian Army before going to England, continues in a similar capacity there; while his wife, the former Zelda Dworkin, upholds the communal service ideal in her Junior Hadassah activities... Max Epstein and Moe and Molly Appel are doing wonderful things for servicemen in England, reports Dr. D. Petegorsky.

had to shop around at different stores in order to conceal their presence—in fact, the details of how she cared for these children could fill a novel.

"About helping the children, here is the situation. Firstly one cannot as yet send parcels direct to civilian individuals in Holland. They have to share in Red Cross comforts the same as the other inhabitants. All you can do for the time being is to send parcels for them either to me or to the Jewish Padre, Capt. Cass. We will in turn deliver the parcels to Sister Pop. Capt. Cass's address is:

Capt. S. Cass,

Senior Jewish Chaplain,

Adm. H.Q., First Canadian Army, Overseas.

"Regarding their needs—well, they are just what children of their ages require, food and clothing. Concentrated and dehydrated foods, of the type that contain plenty of nourishment and not too much vegetables (that are available here) are the best things. They are very fond of those dehydrated soups. The point should be to pack in the greatest number of calories in the minimum amount of space."

(Note: Parcels may be sent to Lt.-Col. M. Mirsky, RCOC Headquarters, Can. Army Overseas.)

FREE LOAN OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association was held on Feb. 8th and the following were elected:

Hon. Vice President, Rabbi O. Z. Fasman
 President. Leon Petegorsky
 Vice President..... Alex Betcherman
 Treasurer. Myer N. Drazin
 Honourary SecretaryHarold P. Coplan
 Hon. Directors:

D. Addleman, J. Freedman, S. Lepofsky, B.A., Mrs. A. H. Coplan.

Directors:

J. Baker, Myer Betcherman, Sam Caplan, G. Cohen, D. Epstein, J. Eisenstadt, H. Greenblatt, Hy. Gould, M. Held, J. Rachlin, S. J. Ritt, T. Sachs, S. Spevak, I. Stone, S. Swedlove, I. Shinder, Saul Saslove, J. H. Vineberg, M. Zagerman, D. Zelikovitz, S. Zelikovitz.

Hon. Solicitor. Michael Greenberg

Hon. Auditor Samuel A. Kronick.

SPECIAL LADIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Alex Betcherman, Mrs. Myer Betcherman, Mrs. L. Baker, Mrs. A. Brunberg, Mrs. M. N. Drazin, Mrs. D. Epstein, Mrs. L. Petegorsky, Miss Olive Pullan, Mrs. J. Rachlin, Mrs. S. J. Ritt, Mrs. R. Sadinsky, Mrs. M. Shenkman, Mrs. M. Zagerman.

Samuel Roodman was re-appointed Executive Secretary.

SEEKING OVERSEAS RELATIVES?

The president of the Ottawa Branch of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, Mr. S. Zelikovitz, announces that the local office is now open at 171 George St., with Miss Helen Abelson in charge, every Tuesday and Thursday 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Lists of Jewish survivors in Europe are available in the office, and help will be rendered any family that seeks contacts with relatives overseas. Information of the sending of parcels can also be obtained.

MACCABEE SQUADRON TRIUMPHS

On Monday March 5, at Rockliffe the 54th Maccabee Air Cadet Squadron defeated the 255th Air Cadet Squadron from Smiths Falls in a well-played basketball game. This established the Hebrew team as leading contender for Ottawa and District championship.

Rockliffe referees officiated.

The Maccabee team will be playing at the Falls within the next few weeks.

Your Rabbi Said

Jews have been compared with the sand on the seashore, and rightly so. Nobody counts the grains of sand there, because they are in their place, but grains of sand in the eye or in the fuel pump of a machine must be carefully measured and removed. Similarly, create a Jewish Palestine, and we shall be spared the counting of how many Jews are lawyers and doctors, how many conduct the big stores on the main streets, etc... In the transit systems of civilization Israel is in charge of the Lost-and-Found Department, restoring to a careless mankind time and again the ideals it has lost... In every war against evil, softness is not a virtue, but a vice... For Jews nothing divorced from the Torah is spiritual... A young man recently wrote to a city registrar asking for a copy of his marriage license, admitting with regret he did not remember the name of the girl he married; are not those Jews in the same plight who have forgotten the union that was arranged at Sinai?

SOME PASSOVER FACTS

The Rabbis of Montreal have not given Passover endorsement to any of the baked goods made in their city... You may eat all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, except legumes (peas, beans, and their kind) on Passover, only wash them thoroughly before using. Thus, cabbage and bananas, contrary to erroneous opinion, may be eaten on Passover... Food in tins, jars, and packages should have rabbinical endorsement... The ceiling price on highest quality Matzo is 27c per lb... Because one is forbidden to be the owner of Chometz during Passover, the custom is to sell it to a non-Jew and buy it back after the holiday, with the Rabbi usually negotiating the transactions after the owner gives him the agency... Braving all kinds of weather, some eighteen tiny tots in the Talmud Torah Kindergarten have been mastering the basic information about Passover under the affectionate tutelage of Miss Rose Goldberg... If your Shammes cannot supply you with a Hagadah, try Mr. H. Gosevitz at 65 Nelson St... Watch for the Vaad Ha'Ir Label on your Passover Dairy Products!

CHUMASH HOLIDAY

The annual celebration held by the Ottawa Talmud Torah in honor of the children who begin to study Chumash will take place in the Auditorium Sunday, March 18th, at 11.15 a.m. Parents, members of the Board and friends of the Talmud Torah are expected to attend.

J. Freedman Hon. Chairman of Ottawa Talmud Torah

At the annual election meeting of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board, Mr. J. Freedman, a veteran supporter, was elected Hon. Chairman. Mr. M. Zagerman was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. M. Loeb, Hon. Vice-Chairman. Dr. D. Petegorsky was named Vice-Chairman.

Rev. J. Rabin was re-elected Hon. Chairman of the Board of Education, and Rabbi O. Z. Fasman, Chairman of Board of Education.

The following officers were also chosen:

A. Shaffer, Treas.

A. Cohen, Secy.

A. Lithwick, Chairman of House Committee.

S. Spevak, Vice-Chairman of House Committee.

S. Kronick, Chairman of Rink Committee.

HADASSAH DEBATE EXCITING

One of the most impressive affairs held in the Hadassah calendar in Ottawa took place on Tuesday evening, March 6th when the Junior Hadassah presented a debate on the subject, Resolved that Anti-Semitism is on the Wane. This was the final contest after a series of inter-chapter elimination debates and the participants were Mrs. Max Bookman and Mrs. I. Krantzberg of the Naomi Chapter for the Affirmative, and Miss Martha Singerman of the Sharon Chapter, Miss Bella Wolfe of the Deborah Chapter for the negative. Miss Dora Blushinsky, chairman of the Junior Committee, presided at this joint meeting of Junior and Senior Hadassah. The judges, W/C B. Alexandor, Dr. E. Fineman and Mr. John Mirsky gave the decision to the Affirmative.

COMMUNITY CENTER—FLASH!

As we go to press we learn that almost 80% of the second installment due on Community Center pledges have already been paid in—not a bad record. Yet the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. I. Stone, would like to hear from the other twenty. Either mail him your cheque to 231 Daly, or phone him about your pledge at 3-9284. New pledges will be gratefully accepted.